

Coronavirus COVID-19

Public Opinion Tracking Research: 27/07/20



ABOUT THE RESEARCH

The research findings in this report are based on surveys by **Amárach Research** on behalf of the Department of Health.

The polls are conducted and reported on the same day using Amárach's SmartPoll panel and weighted to the demographics of the 18+ adult population.

Sample size (27/07/20): n=1,900

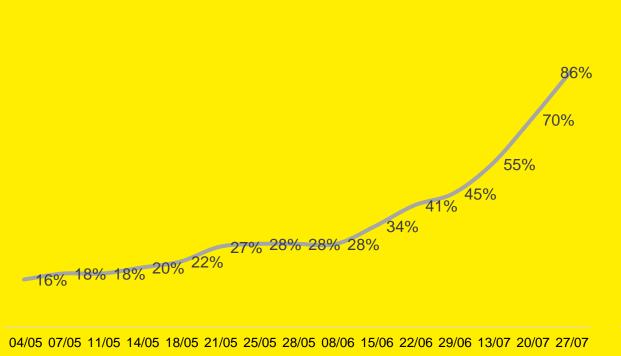


Behavioural Change



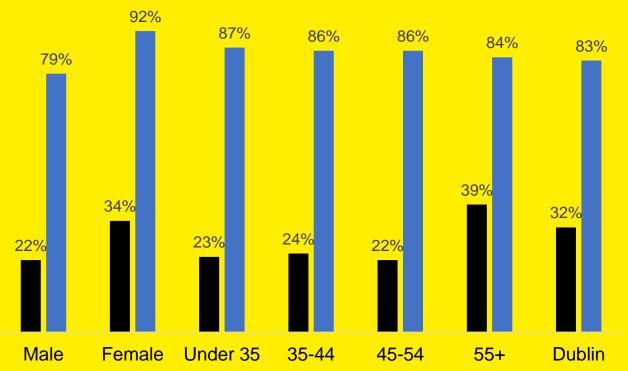
Face Masks

Do you wear a face mask when in public places? All Adults: % Yes



Face Mask Demographics

Do you wear a face mask when in public places? % Yes



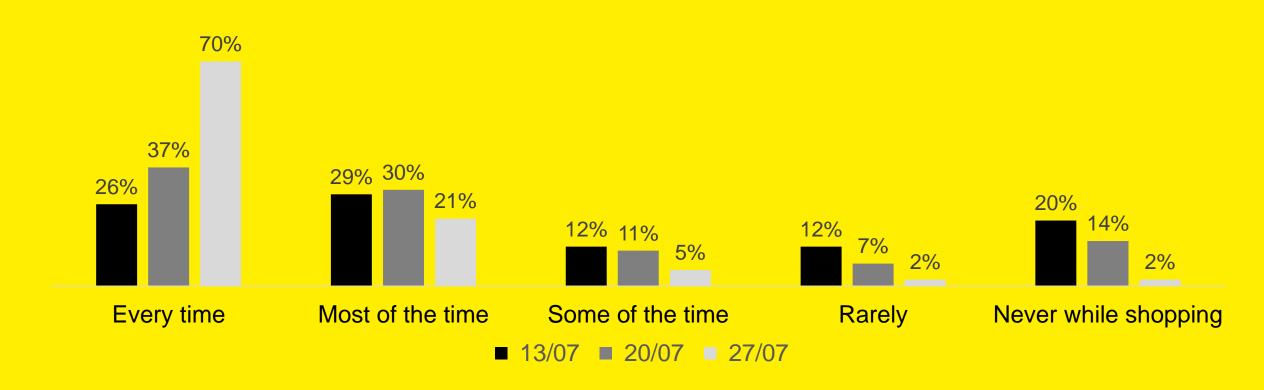
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Face Mask Frequency - I

Do you wear a face covering when you are shopping?

Base: shoppers (98% of sample)

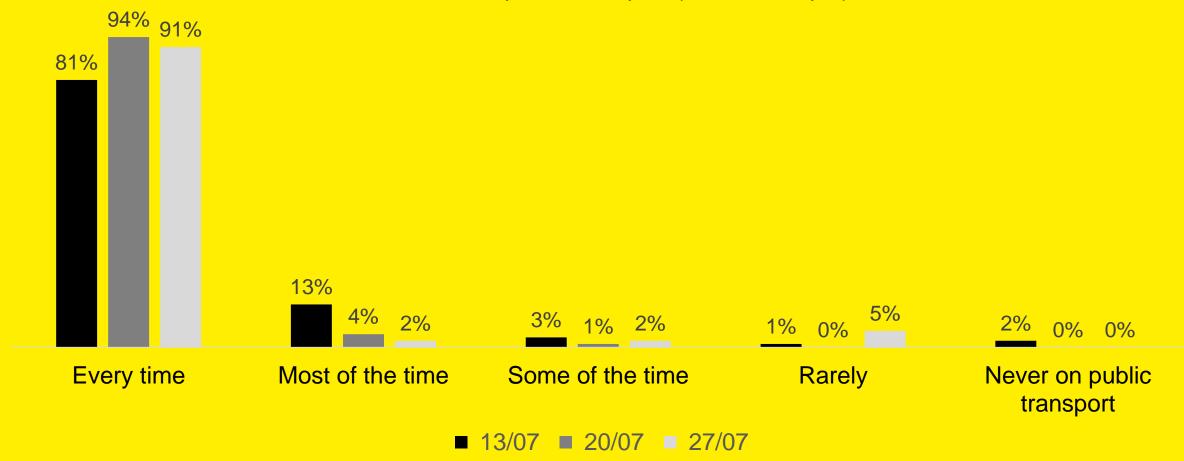




Face Mask Frequency - II

Do you wear a face covering when using public transport?

Base: users of public transport (22% of sample)



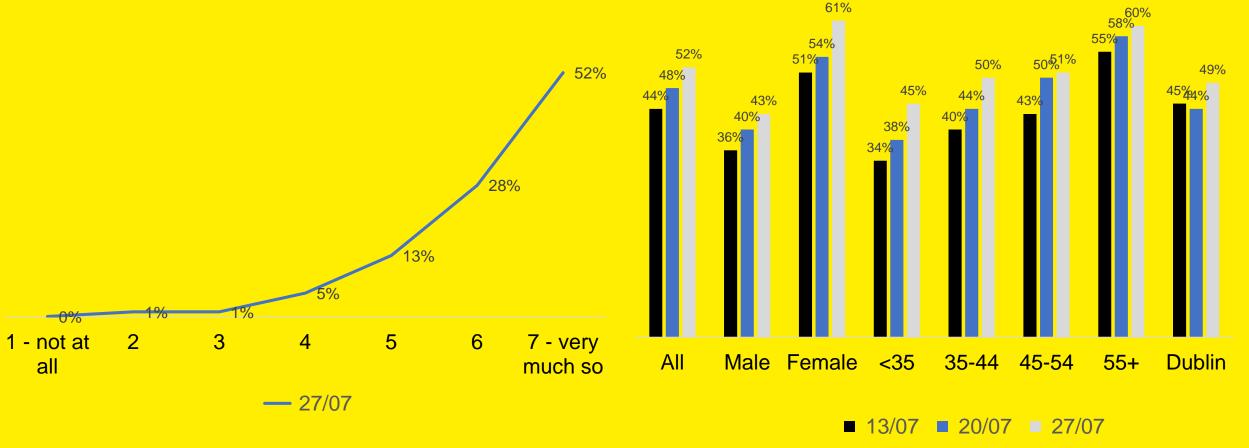


Following Recommendations - I

To what extent do you follow the recommendations from the Department of Health and HSE to prevent spread of coronavirus?

Scale of 1 - 7

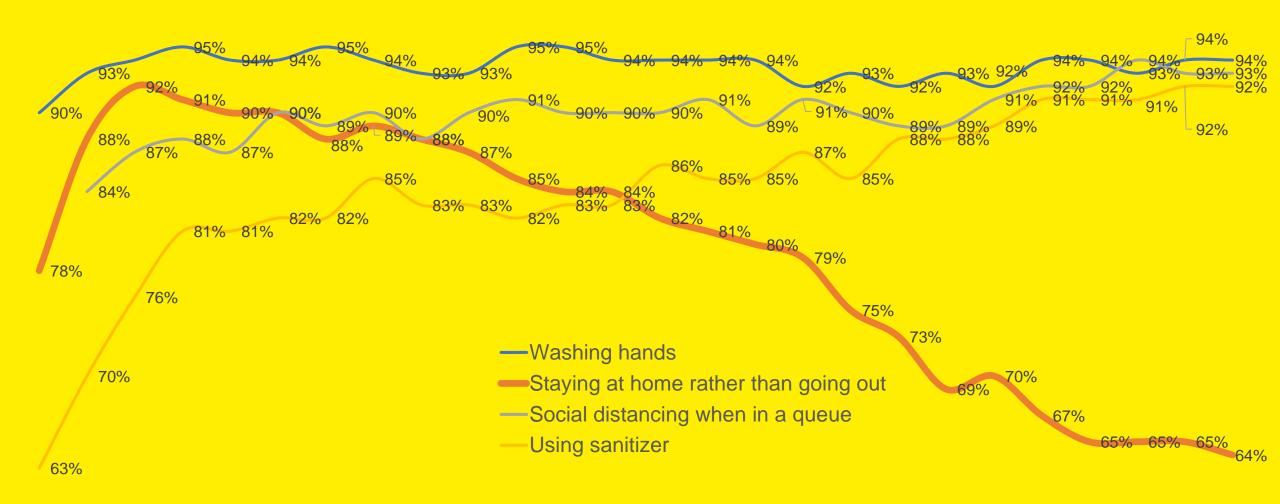
Following Recommendations - II Demographics: % 7 – very much so



Safe Behaviours – I



Which of the following are you doing more often as a result of the Coronavirus?

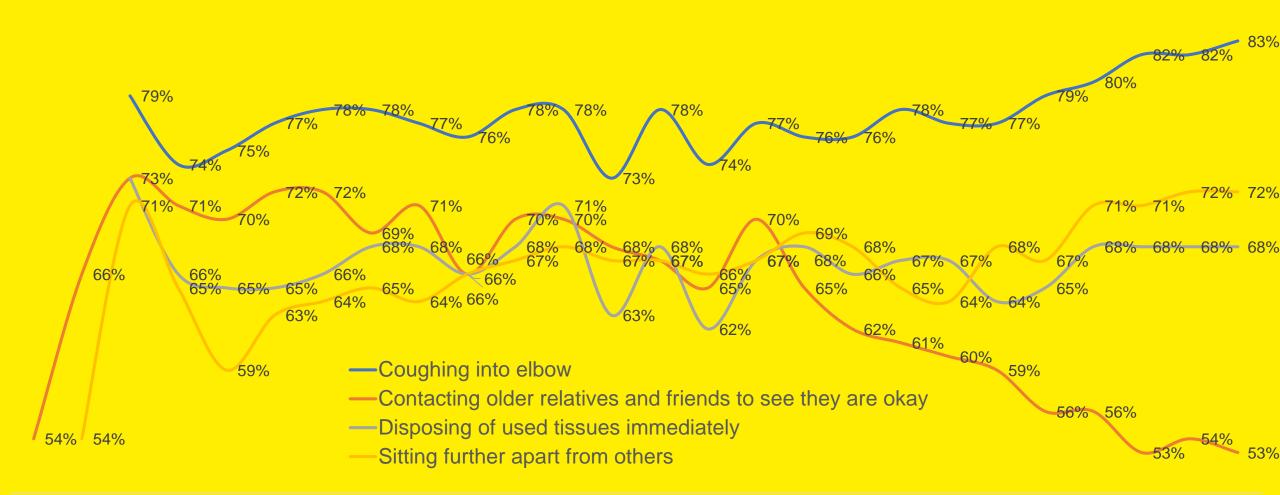


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Safe Behaviours - II



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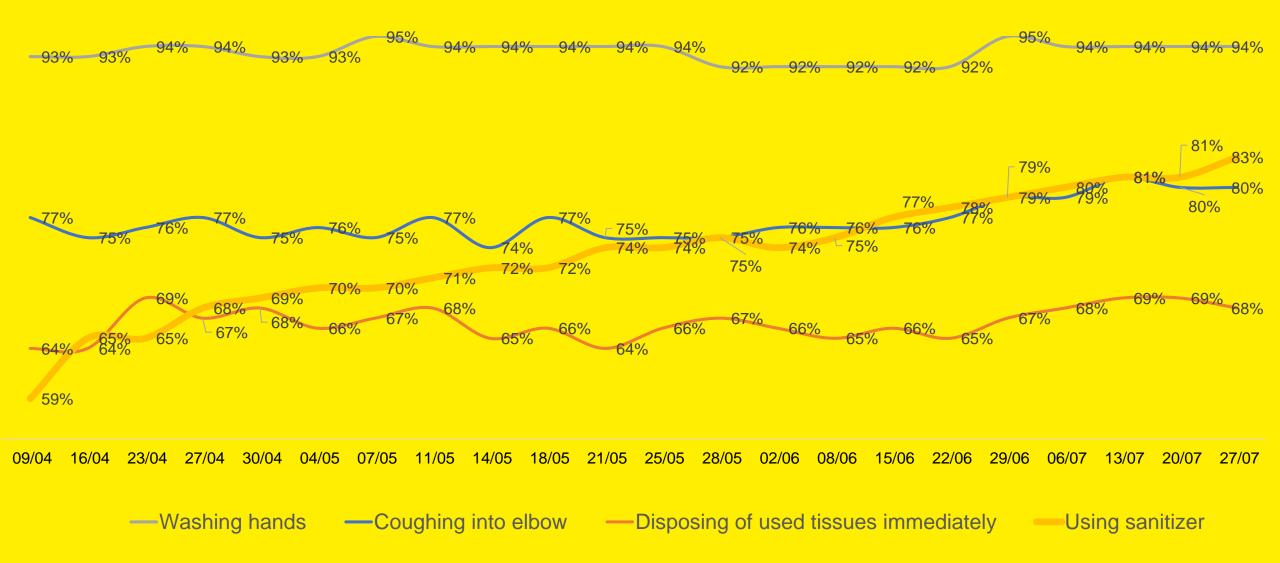


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Future Behaviours - I



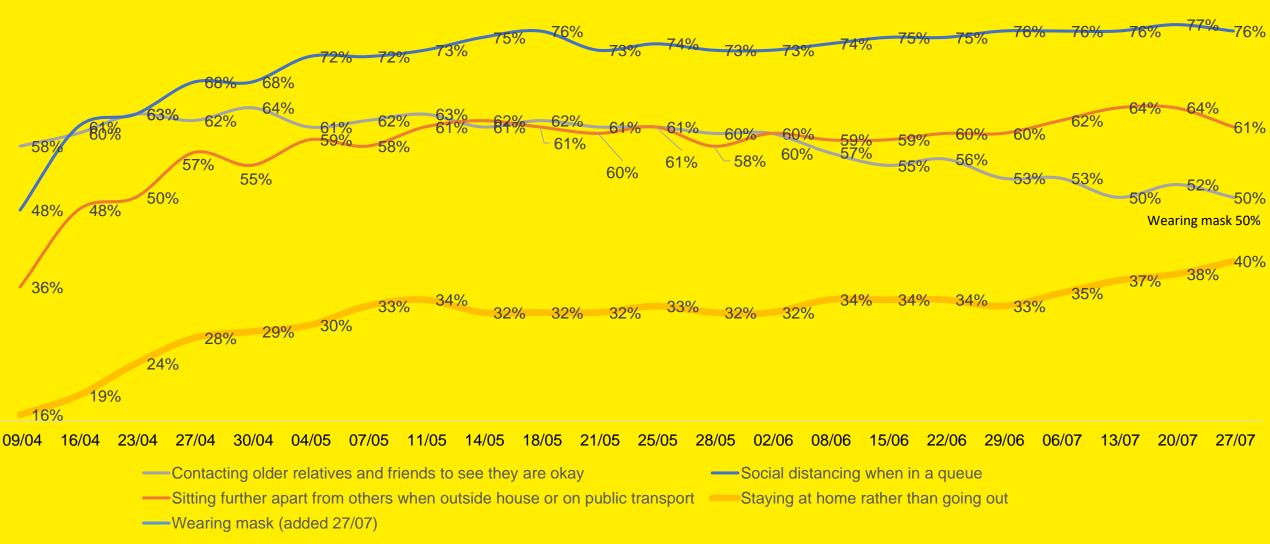
Which of the following will you continue after Coronavirus?



Future Behaviours - II

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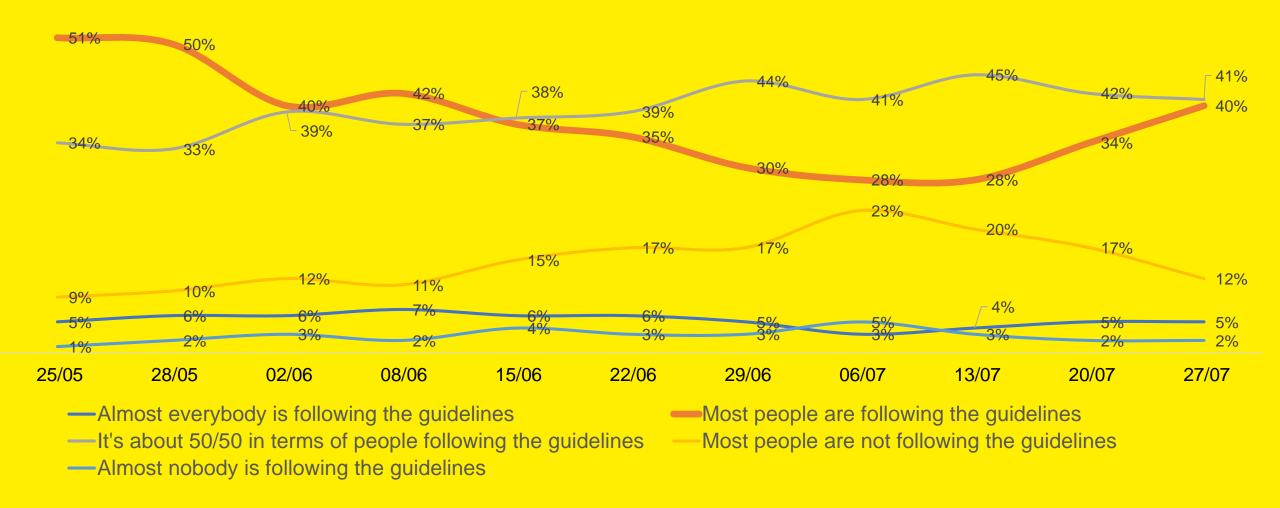
Which of the following will you continue after Coronavirus?



Socially Distanced



Which of the following best describes the extent to which you think people in general are following the social distancing guidelines?



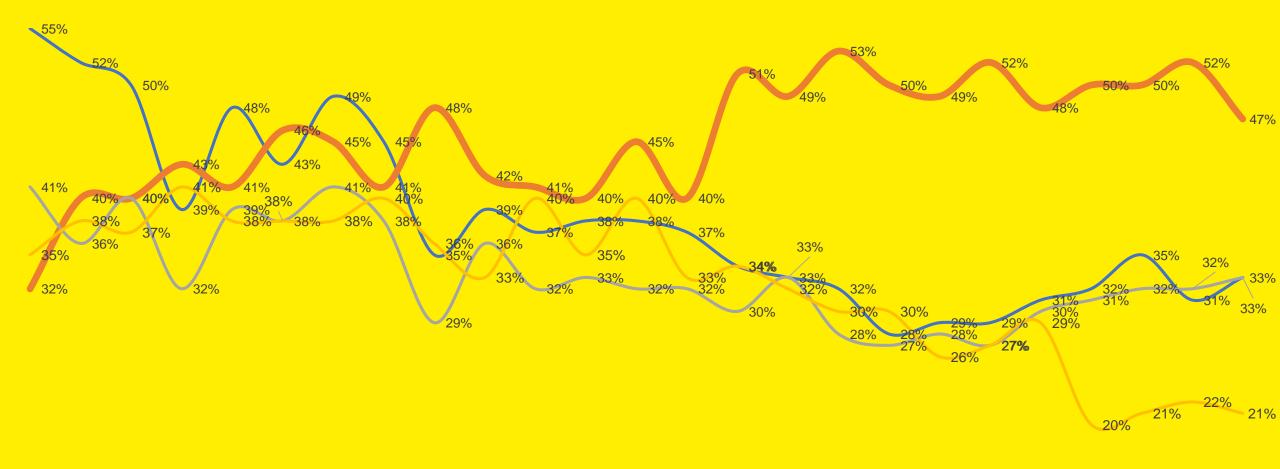


Emotional Wellbeing

Emotional Wellbeing – I



Did you experience any of these feelings a lot of the day yesterday? Select all that apply:



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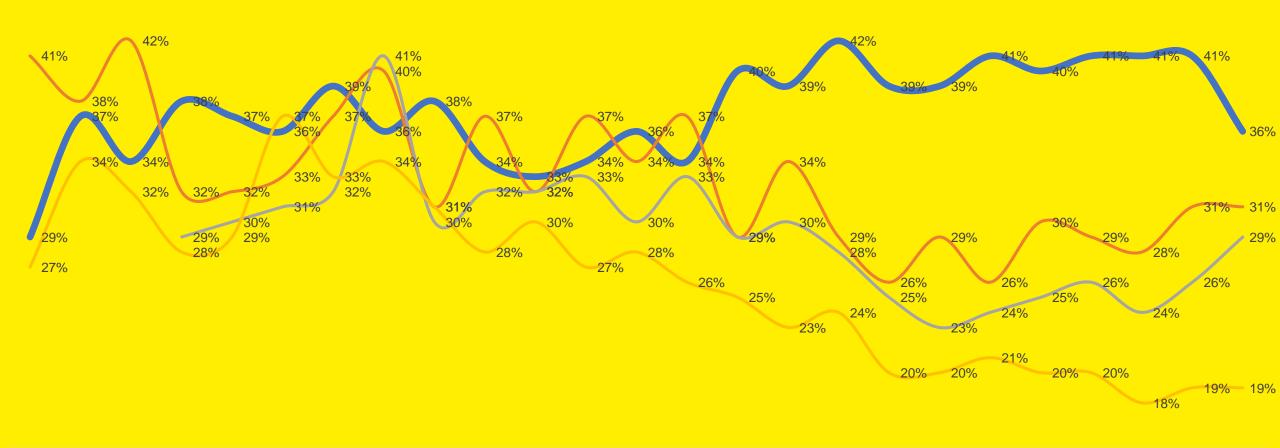
—Worry —Enjoyment —Anxiety

-Boredom

Emotional Wellbeing – II



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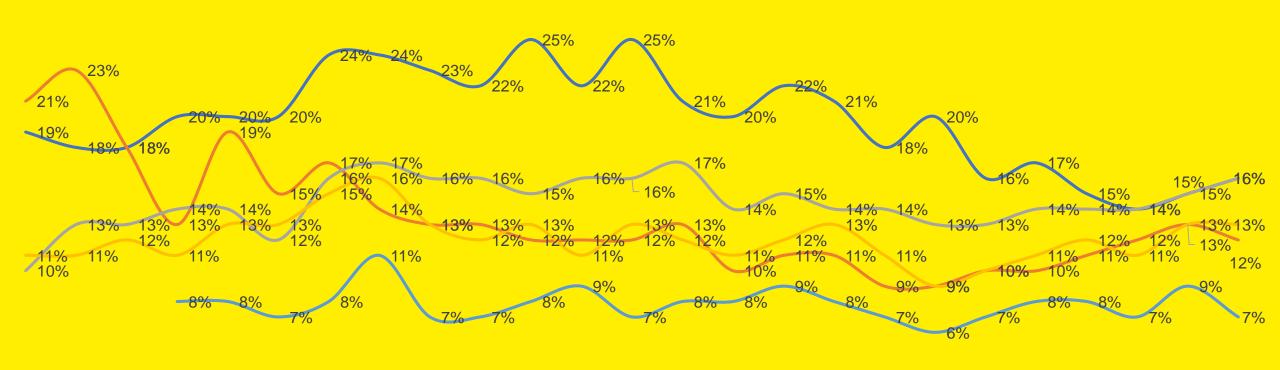
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Emotional Wellbeing – III



Did you experience any of these feelings a lot of the day yesterday? Select all that apply:



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—Anger —Intolerance

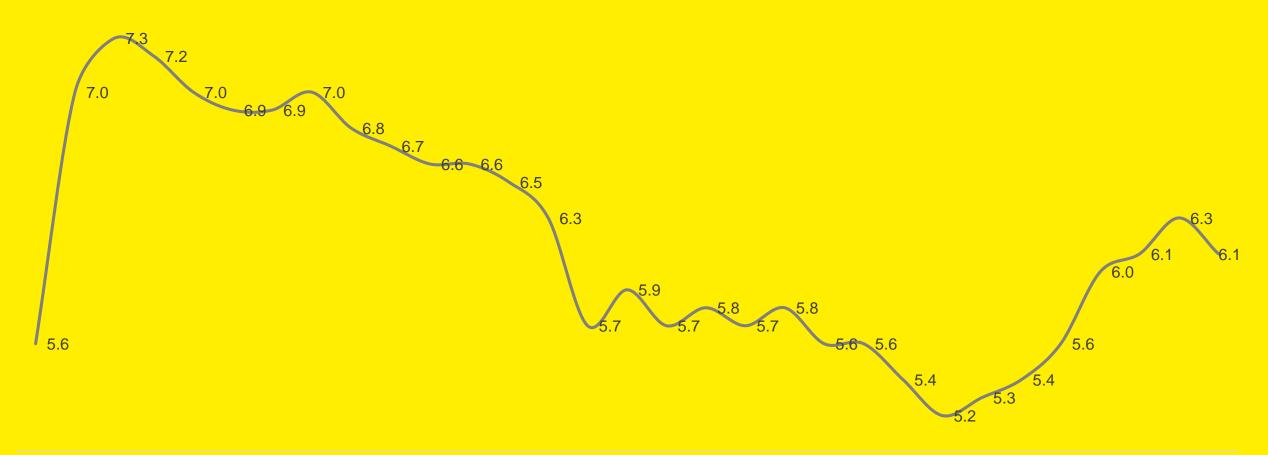


Risk Perceptions

Still Worried?



How worried are you personally about the Coronavirus? On a scale of 1 to 10 where 1 is not at all worried and 10 is extremely worried: Average Score



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Sources of Worry – I



Please indicate the extent to which any of the following is a current source of worry?

On a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is not at all and 5 is a great deal: Average Score



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—Health of Family & Friends

— Prolonged Restrictions

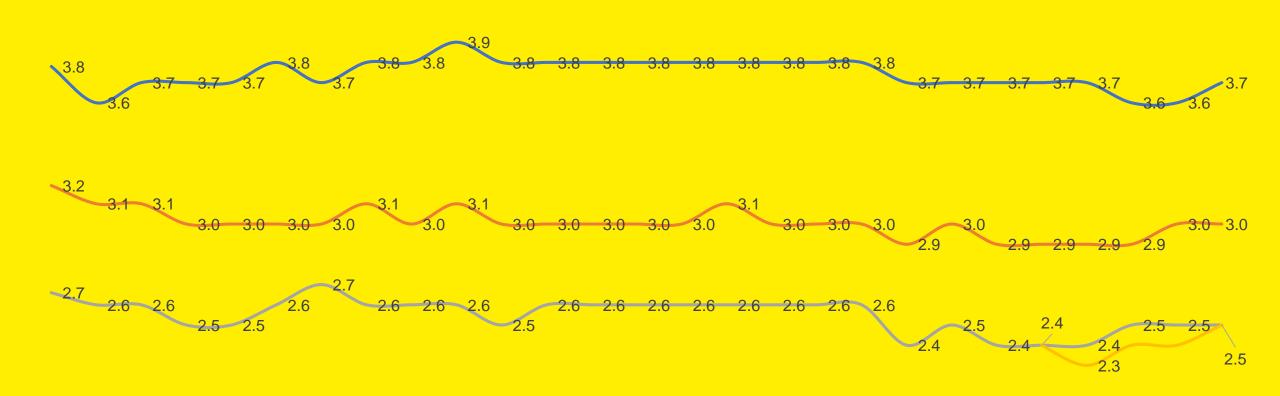
—Health system being overloaded (added 29/06)

Personal HealthReduced Social Contact

Sources of Worry – II



Please indicate the extent to which any of the following is a current source of worry? On a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is not at all and 5 is a great deal: Average Score



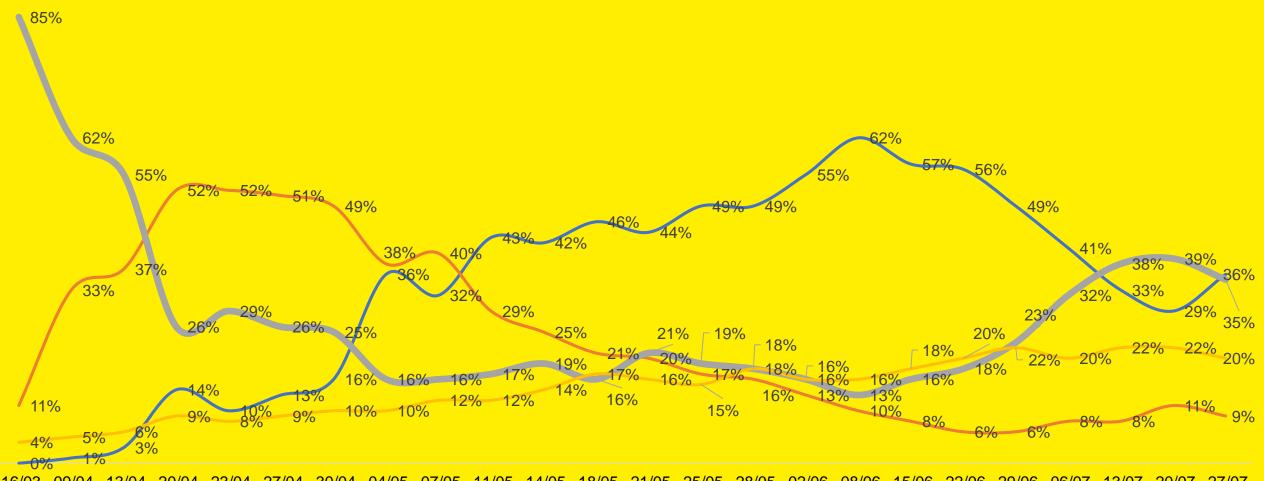
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—The Economy —Personal Finance —Employment Status —Becoming Unemployed (added 29/06)

Pandemic Stage



Do you feel that the worst of the Coronavirus crisis in Ireland is:



—Behind us

—Happening now —Ahead of us

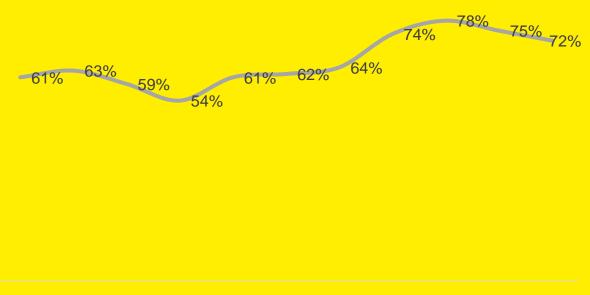
Don't know

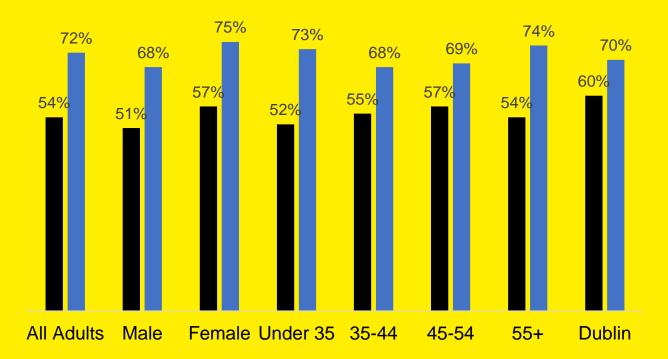


A Second Wave

How likely do you think it is that Ireland will experience a second wave of COVID-19 infections? On a scale of 1 to 7 where 1 is 'very unlikely' and 7 is 'very likely': % 5-7

A Second Wave Demographics: % 5-7





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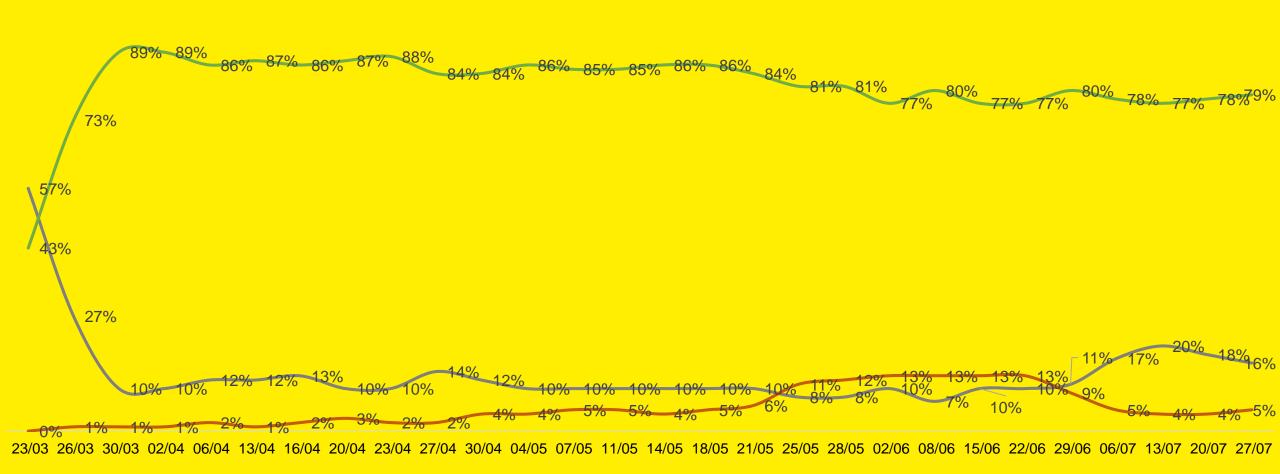


Policy Preferences

Social Distancing



Do you think the current government measures on social distancing are:

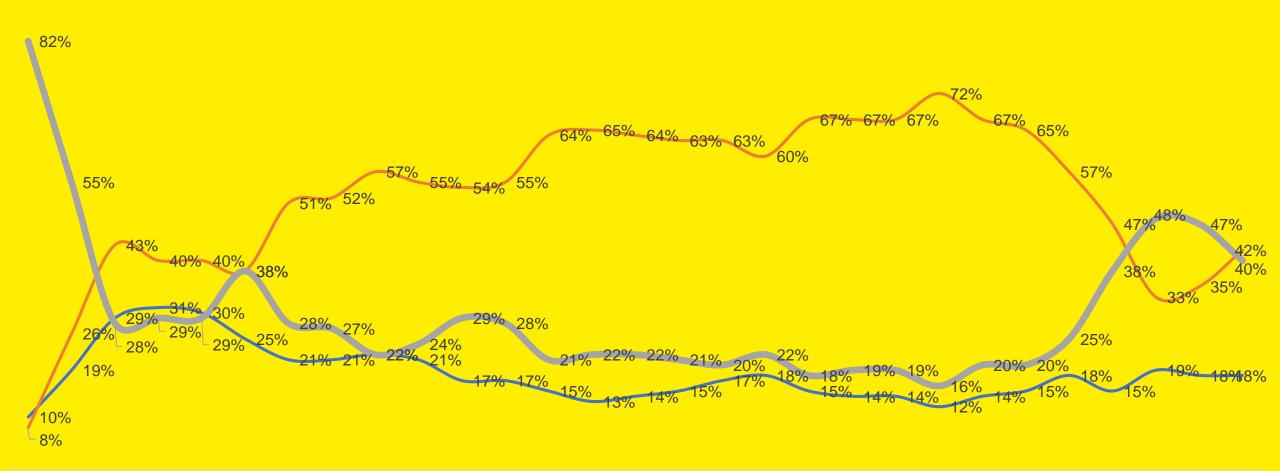


—Too weak —About right —Too strong

Go Further?



Do you think there should be more restrictions?



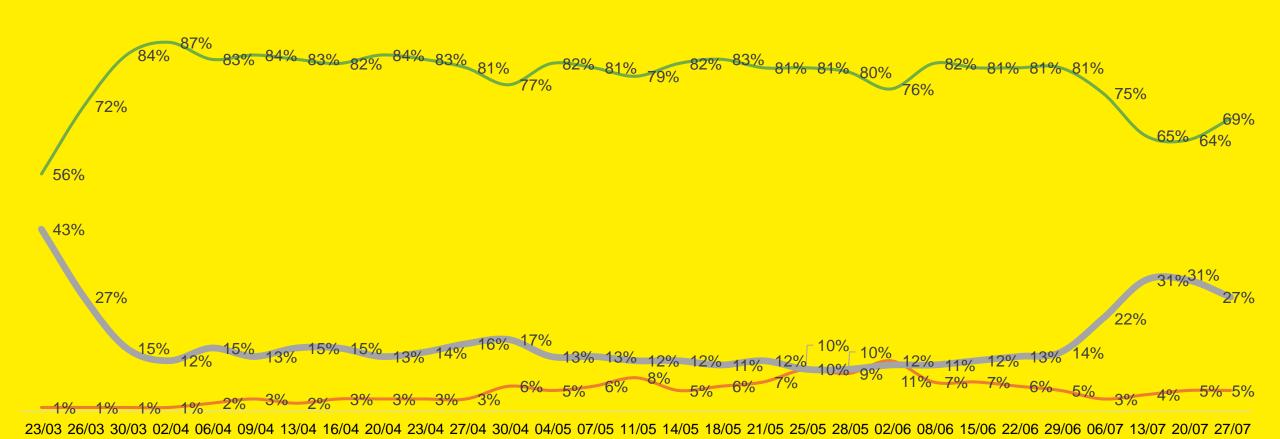
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Going Too Far?



Do you think the reaction of the government to the current coronavirus outbreak is appropriate too extreme or not sufficient?



—Appropriate

Source: Amárach Public Opinion Tracker for Department of Health

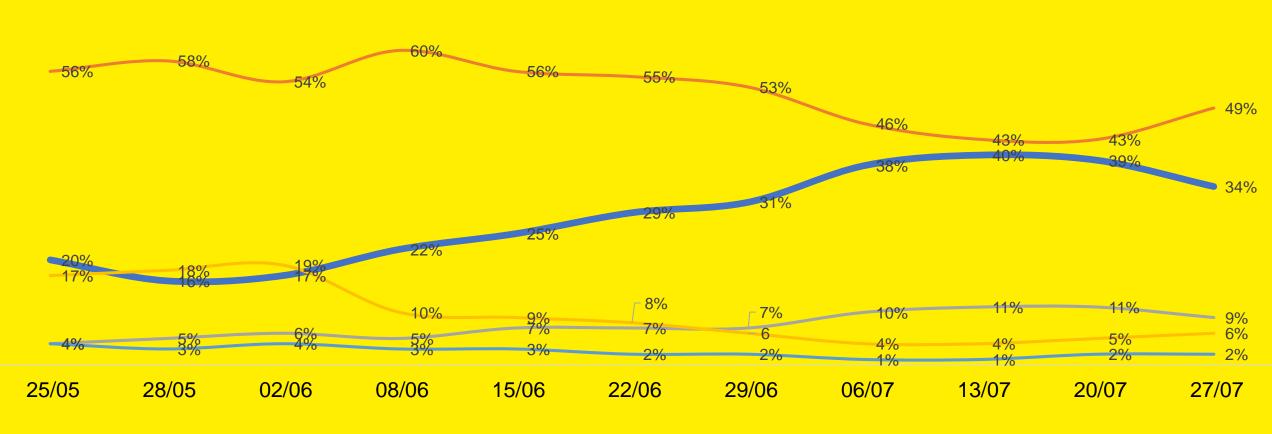
—Too Extreme

Insufficient



Returning to Normal

On balance, do you think that Ireland is trying to return to normal:



—Much too quickly —A bit too quickly —At about the right pace —A bit too slowly —Much too slowly

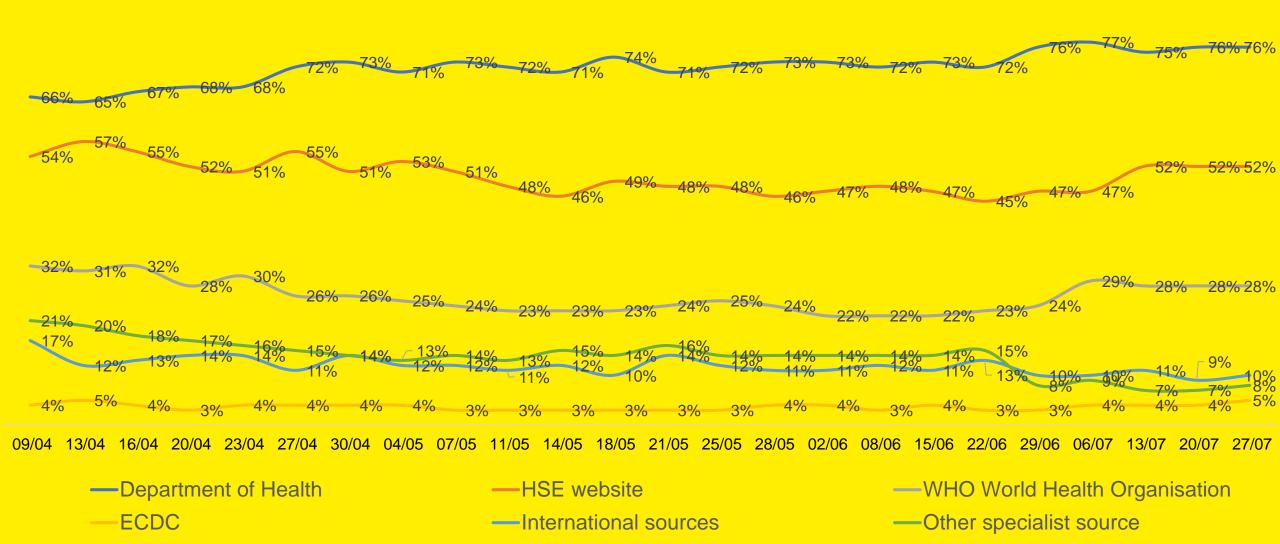


Information & Communications

Covid-19 Information Sources



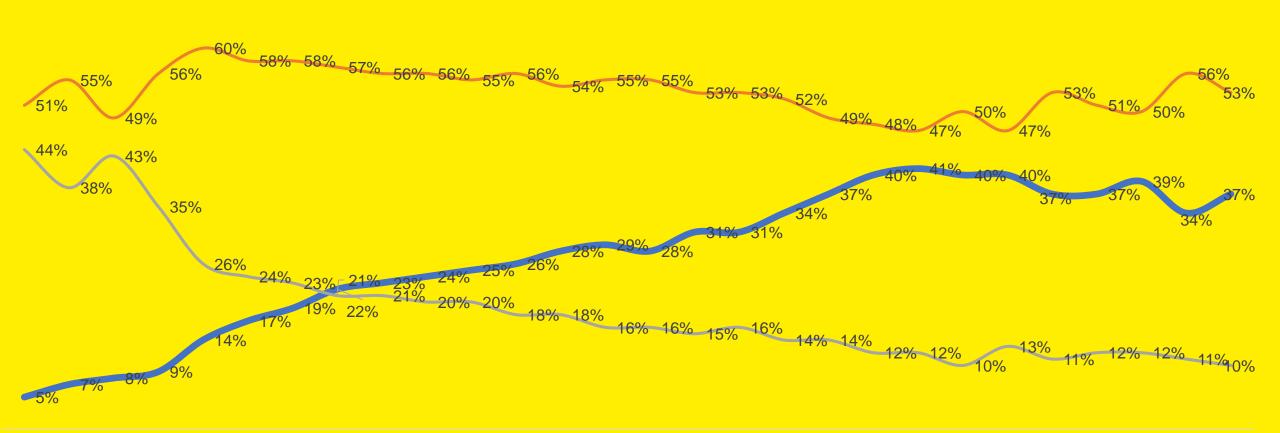
Where are you currently getting trusted information on Covid-19 from?



Media Consumption



How often are you checking the news about Coronavirus (on TV, radio the internet apps etc)?



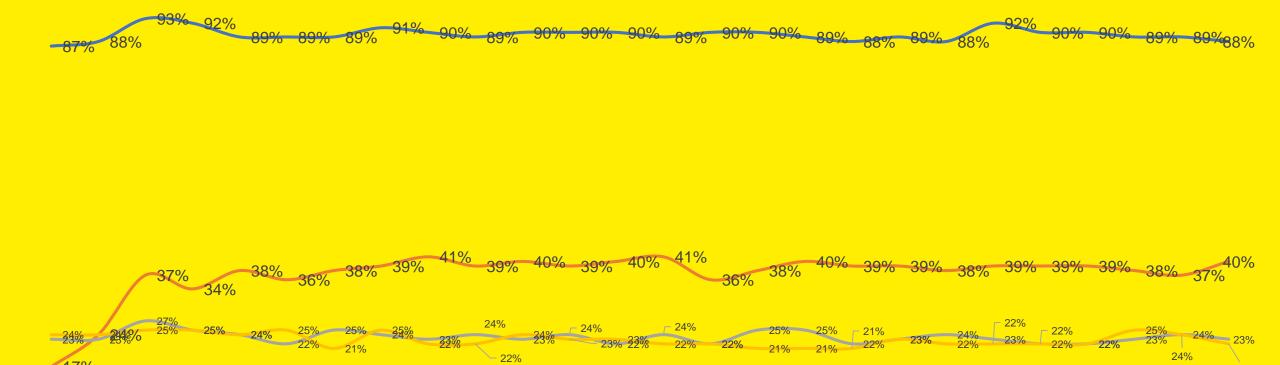
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—Less than once a day —1-3 times a day —4 or more times a day

News Sources – I



What are the main media sources through which you access information on the Coronavirus: % Any Mentions (in top 3)



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-RTE

—Virgin Media

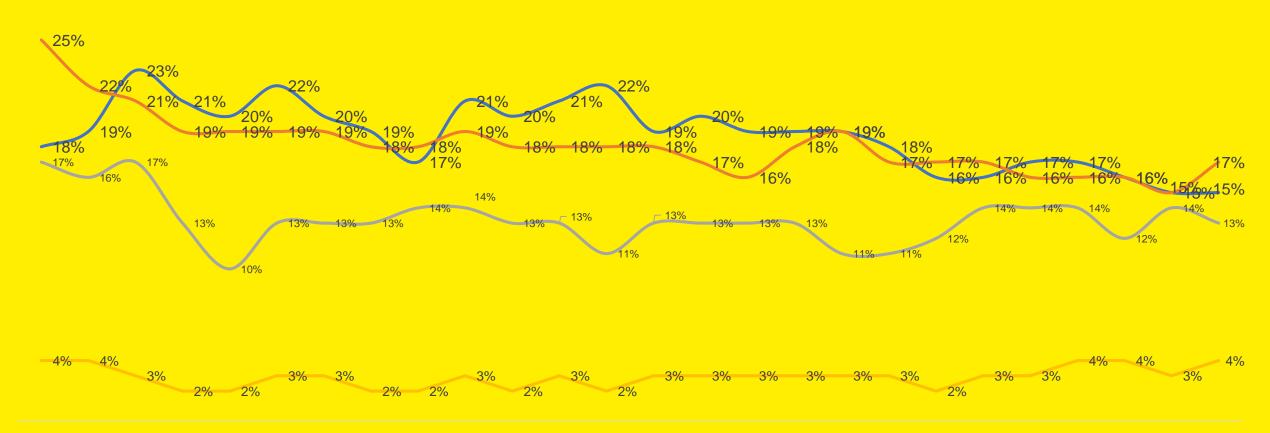
---Irish Times

-Irish Independent

News Sources – II



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—BB0

—Sky News

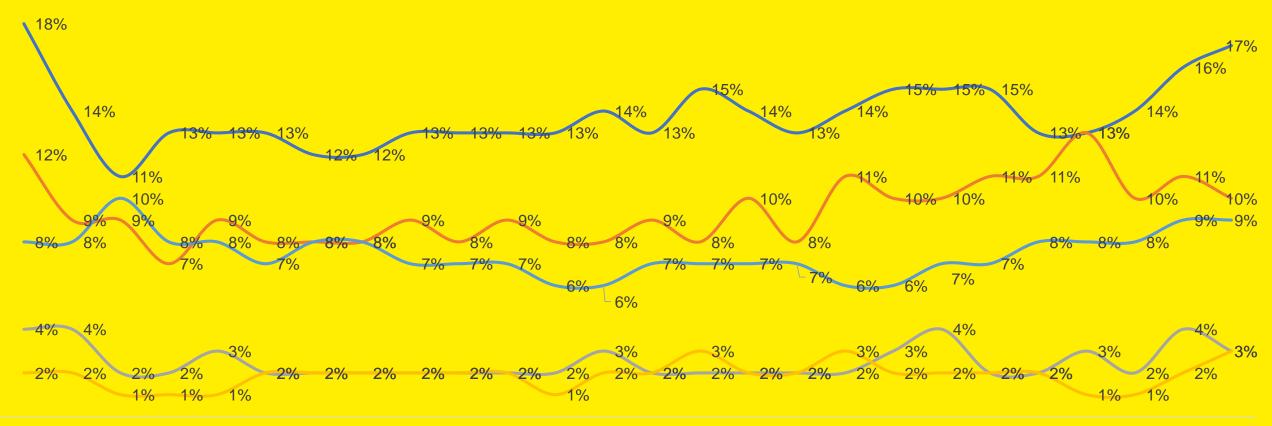
— Family and friends

-Colleagues at work

News Sources - III



What are the main media sources through which you access information on the Coronavirus: % Any Mentions (in top 3)



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